

## **DEMOCRATIC-LED CONGRESS IS EXERCISING OVERSIGHT & DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY ON THE IRAQ WAR**

*A List of 228 Hearings (152 House Hearings & 76 Senate Hearings) Already Held on  
Issues Related to Iraq War – Through August 3<sup>rd</sup>*

### **JANUARY**

*Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>*

- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** – CLOSED. Full committee briefing on the situation in Iraq.

*Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>*

- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Securing America’s Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Where We Are: The Current Situation in Iraq.”

*Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on the way forward in Iraq.
- **House Foreign Affairs Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Iraq, Part I.”
- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Securing America’s Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. The Administration’s Plan for Iraq.”
- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Securing America’s Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Troop Surge, Partition, Withdrawal or Strengthen the Center?”
- **Senate Select Committee on Intelligence** – Full committee hearing on “Annual Threat Assessment.”

*Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>*

- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on Iraq.

*Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** - Seapower and Expeditionary Forces Subcommittee hearing on Marine Corps force protection equipment for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.
- **Senate Judiciary Committee** – Full committee hearing on “The Plight of Iraqi Refugees.”

*Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on alternative perspectives on the President’s strategy for Iraq.
- **House Appropriations Committee** – CLOSED. Defense Subcommittee holds hearing on Army and Marine Corps Readiness.

- **House Appropriations Committee** – CLOSED. Defense Subcommittee holds closed hearing on Army and Marine Operations and Equipment Reconstruction
- **House Foreign Affairs Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Iraq, Part II.”
- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Securing America’s Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Regional Diplomatic Strategy.”

*Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on approaches to audit of reconstruction and support activities in Iraq.
- **House Armed Services Committee** - Air and Land Forces Subcommittee hearing on Army force protection equipment for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.
- **House Appropriations Committee** – CLOSED. Defense Subcommittee holds closed hearing on Guard and Reserve Readiness
- **House Appropriations Committee** – CLOSED. Defense Subcommittee holds closed hearing on Navy and Air Force Readiness.
- **House Budget Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Budgeting for War Costs.”
- **House Select Intelligence Committee** – Full committee hearing on Worldwide Threats.
- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Securing America’s Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Military and Security Strategy.”

*Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Foreign Affairs Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Iraq: The Baker-Hamilton Commission Report. Part III.”
- **House Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee holds hearing on Military Medical Readiness.

*Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>*

- **House Appropriations Committee** – CLOSED. Defense Subcommittee holds closed hearing on Intelligence Readiness

*Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on Iraq’s Effect on Total Force Readiness.
- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Securing America’s Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Alternative Plans: Federalism, Side with the Majority, Strategic Redeployment, or Negotiate?”
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Nomination of Lieutenant General David H. Petraeus, USA, to be General and Commander, Multi-National Forces – Iraq.”

*Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Select Intelligence Committee** – CLOSED full committee hearing on Iraq Intelligence Support to Policymakers.

- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** – Full committee meeting on S. Con. Res. 2, the Biden-Hagel-Levin-Snowe Bipartisan Iraq War Resolution.

***Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>***

- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Securing America’s Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Reconstruction Strategy.”
- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Securing America’s Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Political Strategy.”
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on “The Current Situation in Iraq and the Administration’s Recently Announced Strategy for Continued United States Assistance to the Iraqi Government and for an Increased United States Military Presence in Iraq.”

***Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee hearing on Military Medical Readiness.

***Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>***

- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on the Nomination of Admiral William J. Fallon, USN, for Reappointment to the Grade of Admiral and to be Commander, United States Central Command.
- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Securing America’s Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Alternative Plans: The Iraq Study Group.”
- **Senate Judiciary Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Exercising Congress’ Constitutional Power to End a War.”

***Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>***

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Readiness and Air Subcommittee and Land Forces Subcommittee hearing on Army Equipment Reset/Maintaining Military Equipment in Iraq.
- **Senate Judiciary Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Examining Recommendations for Improvements to Iraq’s Justice System”
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** - CLOSED full committee briefing on the Iraq “surge” plan.
- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Securing America’s Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Iraq in the Strategic Context, Part I.”

**FEBRUARY**

***Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>***

- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing “The Nomination of General George W. Casey, Jr., USA, for Reappointment to the Grade of General and to be Chief of Staff, United States Army.”
- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Securing America’s Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Iraq in the Strategic Context, Part II.”

***Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Select Intelligence Committee** – CLOSED. Full committee briefing on the National Intelligence Estimate on Iraq.

***Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Oversight & Government Reform Committee** – Full committee hearing on Waste, Fraud & Abuse: Part I – Iraq Reconstruction.
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on the President's FY 2007 and FY 2008 war supplemental requests for Iraq and Afghanistan and the Defense Authorization Request for FY 2008.
- **Senate Budget Committee** – Full committee hearing on "War Costs."

***Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on the FY 2008 Department of Defense Budget.
- **House Oversight & Government Reform Committee** – Full committee hearing on Waste, Fraud & Abuse: Part II – Iraq Private Contractor Oversight.
- **Senate Select Committee on Intelligence** – CLOSED. Full committee hearing on Iraq.

***Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Appropriations Committee** – CLOSED. Select Intelligence Oversight Panel holds closed hearing on the proposed FY 2007 war supplemental appropriations bill.
- **House Appropriations Committee** – State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Subcommittee holds oversight hearing on assistance programs in Iraq.
- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** – Full committee hearing on the President's Foreign Relations Budget, including staffing diplomatic posts in Iraq.

***Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee holds hearing on the U.S. Army portion of the President's FY 2007 war supplemental request.
- **House Appropriations Committee** – Military Construction/VA Subcommittee holds hearing on military quality of life, including the impact of the Iraq war.
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – OPEN & CLOSED. Full committee hearing on the Department of Defense Inspector General's report on the activities of the Office of Special Plans prior to the war in Iraq. Closed session followed open session.

***Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee hearing on the President's FY 2007 War Supplemental Request & the U.S. Air Force.

***Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Armed Services Committee** – The Readiness and Joint Seapower/Expeditionary Forces Subcommittees hold a hearing on U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy reset requirements.

- **House Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee hearing on the President’s FY 2007 War Supplemental Request & the U.S. Navy and Marines Corps.

*Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on the President’s FY 2008 budget request for the Department of the Army.
- **House Armed Services Committee** - Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee holds hearing on the challenges for the Special Operations Command (SOCOM) posed by the global terrorist threat.

*Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** - Military Personnel Subcommittee holds a hearing on recruiting and retention issues.
- **House Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee holds a hearing on the President’s FY 2007 War Supplemental Request.
- **House Appropriations Committee** – Military Construction/VA Subcommittee holds a hearing on long-term health care challenges facing the military and the Department of Veterans’ Affairs.
- **House Appropriations Committee** – Homeland Security Subcommittee holds a hearing on Coast Guard issues, including Coast Guard Operations in Iraq.
- **House Select Intelligence Committee** – CLOSED. Full committee hearing on Iran’s Involvement in Iraq.
- **House Oversight & Government Reform Committee** – Full committee hearing on Iraq Reconstruction.
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on current and future readiness of the Army and Marine Corps.
- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** – Full committee confirmation hearing on Iraq and Afghanistan Ambassadorial Nominations.

*Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Appropriations Committee** – State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Subcommittee holds a hearing on President’s FY 2007 War Supplemental Request.
- **House Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee holds a closed hearing on the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization.

*Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>*

- **Senate Appropriations Committee** – Full committee hearing on the President’s FY 2007 War Supplemental Request.
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** -- Full committee hearing on current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the U.S.

*Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on the President’s FY 2008 Department of Defense budget & the Air Force.

- **House Appropriations Committee** – Military Construction/VA Subcommittee holds a hearing on the President's FY 2007 War Supplemental Request.
- **House Foreign Affairs Committee** – Full committee hearing on Iraq and U.S. Foreign Policy.
- **House Intelligence Committee** – CLOSED. Full committee hearing on the President's FY 2007 War Supplemental Request.
- **Senate Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee holds a hearing on the President's FY 2008 Department of Defense budget.

## **MARCH**

### ***Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>***

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on the President's FY 2008 Department of Defense budget & the Navy and Marine Corps.
- **Senate Budget Committee** – Full committee hearing on war costs and the President's FY 2008 Department of Defense budget.
- **Senate Select Committee on Intelligence** – CLOSED. Full committee hearing on the President's FY 2007 War Supplemental Request.

### ***Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Oversight and Government Affairs Subcommittee** – National Security and Foreign Affairs Subcommittee holds field hearing on the treatment of wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

### ***Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Appropriations Committee** – State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Subcommittee holds hearing on "Iraq Political and Reconstruction Strategy: Alternative Perspectives."
- **House Appropriations Committee** – Military Construction/VA Subcommittee holds hearing on Veterans' medical care and FY 2008 Military Construction/VA appropriations.
- **House Budget Committee** – Full committee hearing on FY 2008 Defense Department budget.
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on care, living conditions, and administration of outpatients at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.
- **Senate Select Intelligence Committee** – CLOSED. Full committee hearing assessing intelligence issues in Iraq.

### ***Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee holds hearing on Walter Reed Army Medical Center.
- **Senate Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee holds hearing on Defense Department medical programs, including Walter Reed Army Medical Center.
- **Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee** – Full committee hearing on the adjudication process at the Department of Veterans Affairs, including the experiences of veterans who have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan.

***Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on the challenges facing wounded military personnel during recovery.
- **House Appropriations Committee** – Military Construction/VA Subcommittee holds hearing on VA Mental Health Programs and Initiatives and FY 2008 Military Construction/VA appropriations.
- **House Committee on Veterans' Affairs** – Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations holds hearing on the condition of outpatient facilities at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and how dilapidated conditions and bureaucratic delays affect soldiers as they transition to their status as veterans.
- **House Select Intelligence Committee** – Full committee hearing on the proposed FY08 budget for military intelligence programs and activities.
- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** – CLOSED. Full committee hearing on the Gulf Security Dialogue.
- **Senate Select Intelligence Committee** – CLOSED. Full committee hearing on Defense Department programs.

***Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Armed Services Committee** – CLOSED. Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee holds hearing on current U.S. plans for and progress to date in training, equipping and sustaining the Iraqi Security Forces.

***Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Appropriations Committee** – Military Construction/VA Subcommittee holds hearing on the Veterans' Affairs claims process.
- **House Armed Services Committee** – Readiness Subcommittee holds hearing on whether the FY 2008 National Defense Budget request is adequate to meet readiness needs.
- **House Veterans Affairs Committee** – Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs holds hearing on the impact of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars on the Veterans' Affairs claims process.

***Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Appropriations Committee** – Military Construction/VA Subcommittee holds hearing on Long-Term Challenges for Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs programs.
- **Senate Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee holds hearing on FY 2008 Army Budget.

***Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Veterans Affairs Committee** – Health Subcommittee holds hearing on Traumatic Brain Injury and Poly-Trauma Centers.
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on the President's FY 2008 National Defense budget request and a review of current Army posture.

***Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Oversight and Government Reform Committee** – Full committee hearing on the disclosure of CIA Agent Valerie Plame Wilson's identity and White House procedures for safeguarding classified information.

***Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Appropriations Committee** – Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee hearing on VA Long-Term Health / Nursing Home Care.
- **House Armed Services Committee** – Readiness Subcommittee hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Requests for military construction, family housing, base closures and facilities' operations and maintenance.
- **House Foreign Affairs Committee** – Full committee hearing on proposed legislation on Iraq.
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on the President's FY 2008 budget for the Air Force and the future defense program.
- **Senate Judiciary Committee** – Full committee hearing on War Profiteering.

***Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>***

- **House Appropriations Committee** – Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee hearing on the President's FY 2008 budget.
- **House Appropriations Committee** – State, Foreign Operations Subcommittee hearing on the President's International Affairs Budget.
- **House Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the U.S. Strategic Command, Northern Command, Transportation Command, and Southern Command.
- **House Armed Services Committee** – The Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee hearing on Department of Defense counterproliferation and counterterrorism priorities.
- **Senate Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee hearing on the Air Force and the Defense Authorization Request for FY 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program.

***Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>***

- **House Oversight & Government Reform Committee** – Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs hearing on "Iraq: IEDs and Munitions, Are They Secured?"
- **House Veterans Affairs Committee** – Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity hearing on education benefits for National Guard and Reserve Members.
- **Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs** – Full committee hearing entitled "Deconstructing Reconstruction: Problems, Challenges and the Way Forward in Iraq and Afghanistan."

***Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>***

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on the Second Report to Congress by the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves.

***Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>***

- **House Foreign Affairs Committee** – Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia oversight hearing entitled "Iraqi Volunteers, Iraqi Refugees: What is America's Obligation?"



*Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – The Military Personnel Subcommittee hearing on the state of the military health care system.
- **House Armed Services Committee** – The Air and Land Forces Subcommittee hearing on Army ground force acquisition programs.
- **House Armed Services Committee** – The Readiness Subcommittee hearing on the readiness of the Army and Air National Guard.
- **House Armed Services Committee** – The Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight hearing on whether Iraq can pay for its own reconstruction.

*Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Appropriations Committee** – Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee hearing on the Army Budget.
- **House Armed Services Committee** – The Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on outside perspectives on transitioning security to the Iraqi security forces.
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on strategic forces programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for FY 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program.
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on Active Duty, Reserve forces and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for FY 2008 and Future Years Defense Program.
- **Senate Appropriations Committee** – State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee hearing on FY 2008 USAID and Foreign Assistance Budget.
- **Senate Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee hearing on FY 2008 Navy Budget.

*Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee hearing with the Secretary of Defense.
- **House Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on the Military Commissions Act and the continued use of Guantanamo Bay as a detention facility.
- **House Armed Services Committee** – The Military Personnel Subcommittee hearing on morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) programs for our troops.

**APRIL**

*Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>*

- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – CLOSED/OPEN. Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee session on the overseas basing plans in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program.

*Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>*

- **Senate Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee hearing on FY 2008 National Guard and Reserves Budget.

*Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>*

- **Senate Appropriations Committee** – Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee hearing on FY 2008 Veterans Affairs budget.
- **Senate Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs Committees** – Joint hearing on the Department of Defense and Veterans Administration disability rating systems and the transition of service members from the DOD to the VA system.

*Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee hearing on Army Force Posture and Acquisition Overview.
- **House Appropriations Committee** – CLOSED. Defense Subcommittee hearing on U.S. Central Command.
- **House Appropriations Committee** – Military Construction, Veterans Affairs Subcommittee hearing on U.S. Central Command.
- **House Oversight and Government Reform Committee** – National Security and Foreign Affairs Subcommittee hearing to follow up on corrective measures taken about Walter Reed Army Medical Center and to explore broader systemic problems with the Defense Department's medical care system.
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Hearing on whether the Army and Marine Corps are properly sized, organized, and equipped to respond to the most likely missions over the next two decades while retaining adequate capability to respond to all contingencies along the spectrum of combat.
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee briefing on the current readiness of U.S. ground forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program.

*Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee hearing on Army Reset.
- **House Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee hearing on Army and Marine Corps personnel issues.
- **House Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on FY 2008 National Defense Authorization Request from U.S. Central Command.
- **House Veterans Affairs Committee** – Health Subcommittee hearing on access to VA health care.
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Joint hearing before the Subcommittee on Personnel and the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support on the readiness impact of quality of life and family support programs to assist families of Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve military personnel in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program.

*Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Appropriations Committee** – CLOSED. Defense Subcommittee hearing on U.S. Special Operations Command.

- **House Armed Services Committee** – The Air and Land Forces Subcommittee hearing on the FY 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request – specifically the Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities.
- **House Veterans Affairs Committee** – Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on surgical services at the W.G. (Bill) Hefner VA Medical Center in Salisbury, North Carolina.
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Strategic Forces Subcommittee hearing on military programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for FY08 and the Future Years Defense Program.

*Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee hearing on the U.S. Guard and Reserve.

*Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee hearing on the Navy and Marine Corps Force Posture and Acquisition Overview.
- **House Oversight and Government Reform Committee** – Full committee hearing on misleading information from the battlefield, specifically following the death of Army Ranger Specialist Patrick Tillman and the capture and rescue of Army Private Jessica Lynch.
- **House Veterans' Affairs Committee** – Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Subcommittee hearing entitled "Helping Those Left Behind: Are We Doing Enough for the Parents, Spouses and Children of Veterans?"
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee hearing on the U.S. ground forces readiness in review of the FY08 Defense Authorization Request and the Future Years Defense Plan.

*Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on Contracting for the Iraqi Security Forces.
- **House Homeland Security Committee** – Full committee hearing to examine the military's support of civil authorities during disasters, specifically the Iraq war's impact on National Guard readiness for efforts here at home.
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Air-Land Subcommittee hearing on whether the Army is properly sized, organized and equipped to respond to the most likely missions over the next two decades.
- **Senate Veterans Affairs Committee** – Full committee hearing on how the Veterans Administration is addressing mental health issues.

*Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Foreign Affairs Committee** – International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight Subcommittee hearing on whether or not efforts to deal with America's image abroad are working.
- **House Veterans' Affairs Committee** – Health Subcommittee hearing on rural health and Traumatic Brain Injury.

- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on legal issues regarding the Defense Department’s detention of individuals as unlawful enemy combatants.

## **MAY**

*Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>*

- **House Appropriation Committee** – Defense Subcommittee hearing on the Defense Health Program overview.
- **Senate Appropriations Committee** – CLOSED. Defense Subcommittee hearing on defense intelligence.
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on the U.S. Central Command in review of the FY08 Defense Authorization request and the Future Years Defense Program.

*Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>*

- **House Foreign Affairs Committee** – Joint International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight Subcommittee and the Middle East and South Asia Subcommittee hearing on Arab opinion on American policies, values and people.
- **Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee** – Full committee hearing entitled “The Internet: A Portal to Violent Islamist Extremism.”

*Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Foreign Affairs Committee** – International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight Subcommittee hearing on “Economic and Military Support for the U.S. Efforts in Iraq: The Coalition of the Willing, Then and Now.”
- **House Veterans Affairs Committee** – Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on the sharing of electronic medical records between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

*Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Appropriations Committee** – CLOSED. Defense Subcommittee hearing on the Guantanamo Bay detention facility.
- **House Veterans Affairs Committee** – Full committee hearing on the results of the President’s Task Force on Returning Global War on Terror Heroes.
- **House Veterans Affairs Committee** – Health Subcommittee hearing on the “State of VA’s Long-Term Care Program Present and Future.”
- **Senate Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee hearing on the FY 2008 Department of Defense Budget request.
- **Senate Veterans Affairs Committee** – Full committee hearing on veterans’ health care benefits.

*Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Appropriations Committee** – Defense Subcommittee hearing on private, outside contracting in Iraq and the failure of many of these companies to fulfill their responsibilities.

- **Senate Appropriations Committee** – Senate and Foreign Operations Subcommittee hearing on the FY 2008 Department of State and Foreign Operations Budget.
- **Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee** – Full committee hearing on violent Islamist extremism and the government's efforts to defeat it.

*Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Foreign Affairs Committee** – International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight Subcommittee hearing entitled “Declining Approval for American Foreign Policy in Muslim Countries: Does it Make it More Difficult to Fight al Qaeda?”

*Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on the training of Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and the employment of transition teams.
- **House Foreign Affairs Committee** – Full committee hearing on Iraq.
- **House Veterans' Affairs** – Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Subcommittee hearing on the challenges facing the U.S. court of appeals for veterans' claims.
- **Senate Select Committee on Intelligence** – CLOSED. Full committee hearing on Iraq.

*Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>*

- **Senate Veterans Affairs Committee** – Full committee hearing on pending veterans' health care legislation.

*Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on the training and development of the Iraqi police service.
- **House Homeland Security Committee** – Management, Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee hearing on the impact of equipment shortages on the National Guard's readiness for domestic missions.
- **House Oversight and Reform Committee** – Full committee hearing on mental health problems confronting soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

## **JUNE**

*Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on the Department of Defense body armor.

*Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Veterans Affairs Committee** – Economic Opportunity Subcommittee hearing on specially-adaptive housing for wounded and disabled veterans.
- **Senate Armed Services Committee** – The full committee met to hear testimony from Lieutenant General Douglas Lute, nominee to Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Iraq and Afghanistan.

*Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – The Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on the development of the Iraqi Security Forces.

*Wednesday, June 13th*

- **Senate Veterans Affairs Committee** – Oversight hearing on cooperation and collaboration between Veterans Affairs Department and the Department of Defense – education and training.

*Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Foreign Affairs Committee** – Middle East and South Asia Subcommittee hearing entitled “Working in a War Zone: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Civilians Returning from Iraq.”
- **House Judiciary Committee** – Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Subcommittee hearing on War Profiteering and Other Contractor Crimes Overseas.

*Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Oversight and Government Reform Committee** – Government Management, Organization and Procurement Subcommittee hearing on the government’s Inspectors General, focusing on ways to insulate the watchdogs from political pressure.

*Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on the structure, process and tools for improving Department of Defense management.
- **House Armed Services Committee** – Military Personnel Subcommittee hearing on the findings of the Independent Review Group and an in-progress review of actions at Walter Reed.

*Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Military Personnel Subcommittee hearing on review of the policies and procedures regarding the notification of next-of-kin of wounded and deceased service members.
- **House Foreign Affairs Committee** – Full committee hearing on whether the escalation in Iraq is working.
- **House Veterans Affairs Committee** – Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on the Veterans Administration’s internal contracting oversight deficiencies.

## **JULY**

*Wednesday, July 11th*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on the global security assessment.
- **House Armed Services Committee** – Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee hearing on “Strategic Communications and Comparative Ideas: Winning the Hearts and Minds in the Global War against Terrorists.”

*Thursday, July 12th*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Military Personnel Subcommittee hearing on the mental health needs of our troops.
- **House Armed Services Committee** – Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing titled: “A Third Way: Alternatives for Iraq’s Future” – part one of a four-part hearing series.

- **House Veterans Affairs Committee** – Joint subcommittee hearing with the Health Subcommittee and Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Subcommittee on issues facing women and minority veterans.
- **House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence** – Terrorism/HUMINT, Analysis and Counterintelligence hearing on nuclear terrorism and overseas threats.

*Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Veterans Affairs Committee** – Symposium to discuss ways to provide treatment for traumatic brain injury (TBI), which is considered by many to be the signature injury of the war in Iraq.

*Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Foreign Affairs Committee** – Full committee oversight hearing on U.S. policy options in the Iraq crisis.

*Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on “Iraq: Trends and Recent Security Developments.”
- **House Armed Service Committee** – Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on “A Third Way: Alternatives for Iraq’s Future” – part two of a four-part hearing series.
- **House Foreign Affairs Committee** – Joint Middle East and South Asia and International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight Subcommittees oversight hearing on reconstruction in Iraq’s oil sector.
- **House Oversight and Government Reform Committee** – Government Management, Organization and Procurement Subcommittee hearing on why companies with poor performance continue to receive federal contracts.
- **House Veterans Affairs Committee** – Committee held a symposium on Traumatic Brain Injury with a number of leading medical experts.

*Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Armed Service Committee** – Joint Seapower and Expeditionary Forces and Air and Land Forces Subcommittees hearing on the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle Program.
- **House Foreign Affairs Committee** – Full committee oversight hearing on envisioning a new U.S. policy in the Middle East.
- **House Veterans Affairs Committee** – Health Subcommittee hearing on Veterans’ Health Centers.
- **Senate Foreign Affairs Committee** – Full committee briefing from U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker on an update from Iraq.

*Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – The Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on “A Third Way: Alternatives for Iraq’s Future” – part three of a four-part series.
- **House Armed Services Committee & Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence** – Joint hearing on the implications of the most recent National Intelligence Estimate regarding Al-Qaeda.

- **House Veterans Affairs Committee** – Full committee hearing on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and personality disorders and the challenges faced by the V.A.

*Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Oversight and Government Reform Committee** – Full committee hearing on allegations of waste, fraud, and abuse at the new U.S. embassy in Iraq.
- **Senate Veterans Affairs Committee** – Full committee hearing on V.A. health care issues.

*Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – Full committee hearing on requiring the President and other members of his administration to develop and transmit to Congress a comprehensive strategy for the redeployment of U.S. troops from Iraq.

*Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – The Readiness Subcommittee held a hearing on the Use of In Lieu Of, Ad Hoc and Augmentee Forces in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- **House Armed Services Committee** – The Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee held a hearing on “A Third Way: Alternatives for Iraq’s Future” – final part of a four-part series.
- **House Budget Committee** – Full committee hearing on the costs of military operations and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan.

## **AUGUST**

*Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>*

- **House Armed Services Committee** – The Military Personnel Subcommittee held a hearing on active Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve recruiting and retention.

*Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>*

- **House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence** – Full committee briefing on Iraq.